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The Alamo Drafthouse South Lamar will screen the winner of its 48-hour short film contest, along with other short films from around the world. The show starts at 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Tangerine Sky

Rap-rock artists and weed enthusiasts the Kottonmouth Kings will play Emo's at 7 p.m.

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Famous In A Small Town

Country darling Miranda Lambert does a taping at ACL Live at 8 p.m.

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Above, Federico Archuleta holds a cardboard stencil of Buddy Holly in his garage studio in East Austin. Archuleta, whose work can be found on walls across the city, was permitted by the new owners of the old Tower Records building on the corner of 24th and Guadalupe streets to touch up his original murals. **Below,** The Cely-Martinez family walks past Archuleta's mural of Johnny Cash on their way to Tyler's on Sunday.

POP ART PRESERVATION

By Syeda Hasan
Daily Texan Staff

The murals of iconic musicians at the intersection of 24th and Guadalupe streets will be preserved with the opening of four new businesses at the location.

The original artist Federico Archuleta said he was able to preserve and touch up the paintings this weekend thanks to the support of the manager at the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf that will be opening in the space. He started stenciling in 2003. That same year, he drew the mural when

Tower Records owned the building, just three months before the music store went out of business and was replaced by the bookstore Intellectual Property.

Archuleta said he painted the murals as a tribute to some of his favorite artists and included portraits of music greats such as Johnny Cash, The Clash and Bob Dylan.

“I tried to tip my hat to a variety of artists, including blues, rock and country,” Archuleta said. “Right before Intellectual Property

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Top officials show differing standpoints on higher ed

By William James Gerlich
Daily Texan Staff

Gov. Rick Perry, Pres. Barack Obama and former Pres. George W. Bush have each made a mark on higher education in Texas. The former and current president each holds his own opinions on how to shape universities. Potential presidential hopeful Perry is expected to announce his candidacy in the next month, in the midst of growing controversy about his perspective on higher education and funding. The Daily Texan takes a look at the three politicians' impacts on higher education.

Gov. Rick Perry

In an address made earlier this year, the potential presidential hopeful said he will push three big initiatives for higher education: creating a \$10,000 bachelors degree, a state-wide tuition freeze and an outcome-based funding system, in which the state would take 10 percent of its funding for higher education and redistribute it to universities with the highest graduation rates.

Controversy has stemmed from Perry's conversations with Jeff Sandefer of the Texas Public Policy Foundation regarding the future of Texas higher education because both men have tried to push the “Seven Breakthrough Solutions for Higher Education” on state university boards of regents.

According to various emails acquired through the Texas Public Information Act, Perry has personally urged regents to adopt Sandefer's solutions, which try to change higher education in the state by separating research from university funding.

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DT SPOTLIGHT: ROLE OF RESEARCH

Energy company partners with UT to patent battery

By Syeda Hasan
Daily Texan Staff

UT researchers have announced a partnership with the world's largest hydroelectric producer to patent a revolutionary rechargeable battery designed at the University.

Engineering professor John Goodenough used an innovative combination of materials to create the lithium ion battery, which will be produced by Canadian-based company Hydro-Québec for use in commercial products around the world.

Goodenough said he researched a variety of cathode materials to design rechargeable batteries that were significantly lighter and longer lasting than alternatives. He said his batteries were also safer for consumer use and more environmentally friendly.

“This is the type of battery that gets put into things such as your

cell phone, your laptop or your iPod,” Goodenough said. “We are also working on expanding it for use in hybrid electric cars.”

Goodenough has worked with Hydro-Québec since 1996 to develop the batteries. He said the partnership for patents would allow the company to mass-produce the key materials for the batteries and sell them to manufacturers to propel the commercialization process for his design.

“This is important for the wireless revolution,” Goodenough said. “We've done a variety of things with it, and I've been very happy with my relationship with Hydro-Québec. They've been very helpful on furthering the commercialization of our development.”

Goodenough said the partnership is an example of important and profitable developments that

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Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

Austin Emergency medical services captains Keith Noble and James Dionizio depart early Saturday morning to provide medical services on motorcycles.

Motorcycles aid quicker EMS response

By Katrina Tollen
Daily Texan Staff

Emergency medical services response times will be up to five minutes faster with a new program that puts paramedics on motorcycles.

The new pilot program uses medically equipped motorcycles along Interstate Highway 35. The bikes have been used in the past for special events, but first became available to patrols on I-35 two weeks ago. The bikes can nav-

igate through congested traffic much better than an ambulance, said EMS spokesman Warren Hassinger.

“Motorcycles give us better access during the gridlock times of early morning and late evening,” Hassinger said. “A lot of these car crashes don't result in any injuries at all, a lot of it is just freeing up resources and decreasing response times.”

When a 911 call is placed for a traffic accident an ambulance is dispatched to the site, but a patrol-

ling motorcycle may be closer to the crash to give faster treatment.

Once there, the motorcycle paramedic can give immediate care to the patient and determine the severity of the injuries. They can call off the ambulance if it is only a minor accident so that ambulances can be available for a more serious call that may require patient transport, said Captain Keith Noble.

“There is always an ambulance on the way behind us; we get dispatched to the site, but a patrol-

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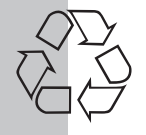
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EIGHT-SECOND RIDE



Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

Children gather around a mechanical bull ride game at the 62nd Taylor Rodeo on Saturday afternoon. Barrel racing, bull riding and calf wrestling were some of competitions at the two-day event.

ONLINE: Saddle up and take a look at the rodeo audio slideshow bit.ly/taylor_rodeo

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Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, created the Texas Joint Committee for Higher Education Governance, Excellence and Transparency to address the controversy, discuss higher education policy decisions transparently and to protect the excellence and high quality of Texas universities.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, UT alumna and co-committee chairwoman of the Higher Education Committee told the Texan in June that members would examine the direction of the state funding for higher education in Texas and will try to keep funding research at the University level.

“The problem with what [Perry and Sandefer] were trying to do was the process in which they were trying to do it,” Zaffirini said. “They were trying to impact higher education behind closed doors, but change must be made as a result of thoughtful collaboration.”

Pres. Barack Obama

Pres. Barack Obama has proposed various higher education issues to be addressed throughout his presidency, and has made a goal for the U.S. to have the highest proportion of students graduating from college in the world by 2020.

Critics claim Obama’s goal is unrealistic. Justin Hamilton, spokes-

man for U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan, said in a statement that the administration has a tremendous amount of work ahead of them to achieve the 2020 goal.

Obama spoke at UT last fall and said higher education was an issue he planned to treat as an economic stimulus because nearly eight in 10 new jobs will require workforce training or a higher education by the end of this decade.

“It’s an economic issue when the unemployment rate for folks who’ve never gone to college is almost double what it is for those who have gone to college,” Obama said in the speech. “Education is an economic issue when we know beyond a shadow of a doubt that countries that out-educate us today, they will out-compete us tomorrow.”

In order to achieve the goal, Obama originally planned to invest \$12 billion into community colleges, but the money was mostly siphoned off to get the national health care bill passed, retaining \$2 billion pledged for career training programs at colleges and universities.

Obama said all Americans should prepare themselves effectively to get a job by enrolling in at least one year of higher education or job training. Obama still hopes to increase higher education access and success by restructuring expanding college financial aid, while making federal programs simpler and more effective for students.

Pres. George W. Bush

Although Bush was considered the Education President, his efforts in helping higher education develop were limited after focus-

VARYING VIEWPOINTS

- Gov. Rick Perry

 - More accessible education
 - Cut state funding for research
 - Implement statewide tuition freeze
- Pres. Barack Obama

 - More accessible education
 - Increase funding for community colleges
- Pres. George W. Bush

 - More accessible education
 - Prepare students for postsecondary schooling

ing most of his energy on improving K-12 education with his No Child Left Behind Act.

Bush never made higher education a significant part of his budget, but the keynote for Bush’s higher education agenda was reforming Pell Grants to address the growing number of independent students who depend on need-based funding for higher education.

In 2005, Bush’s Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings announced the formation of one of Bush’s biggest higher education initiatives, the Commission on the Future of Higher Education.

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can result from supporting long-term research projects at the University.

“I think it’s important that fundamental research continue and that people who do that work have an eye to what is interesting for science, but also what is important for the commercial world,” Goodenough said. “That is part of our responsibility to society.”

Juan Sanchez, the University’s vice president of research, said in a press release that the partnership showed the value of prioritizing research initiatives at the University.

“This agreement is indicative of the value of university research and will accelerate the commercialization of a key technology with a wide range of applications in the energy sector,” Sanchez said. “We are pleased that a company with the stature of Hydro-Québec is committed to the advancement of UT inventions.”

Recent UT sociology graduate Zehra Zaid said it is important to continue initiatives such as this because they increase the prestige of the University.

“If we partner with major companies, that attracts more people to apply to the school,” Zaid said. “If we were to limit these opportunities, then UT wouldn’t be accredited for its innovation.”

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patched at the same time and normally we get there first if we’re out and about already,” Noble said.

The motorcycles are equipped with anything a paramedic would need to treat any injury or illness for up to 15 minutes, said paramedic Juan Hinojosa.

“The way we geared it up was to be able to do advanced life support care — anything from a sprained ankle to a cardiac arrest,” Hinojosa said.

Nine paramedics took a private advanced motorcycle course and a modified version of the

police department’s motorcycle training to learn maneuverability on the bikes.

The program is in its infancy now, with three operable bikes and nine trained paramedics who can use them. The new program may take some getting used to for both paramedics and drivers on I-35, officials said.

“A lot of times [the public] sees us come responding with lights and sirens, and right away they think we’re the police, since they’re not used to seeing paramedics on motorcycles,” Hinojosa said.

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opened, I took it upon myself to redo the stencils in different colors, and that has been the version that’s been around for the past few years.”

Archuleta said he was pleased to see the artwork has remained intact throughout the years and become an iconic image in the campus community.

“The response of the public has been very supportive, and it’s inspired me to continue maintaining the murals,” he said. “These have really become the ground zero for this type of art, and people do consider it a landmark of sorts.”

Archuleta said growing up near the border in El Paso influenced his artistic style, a blend of Mexican and American pop culture. He has lived in Austin for 10 years and said people are receptive to public art such as his.

“Whether the art stands the test of time remains to be seen,” Archuleta said. “You do your labor of love and you hope somebody cares enough to value it and say it is part of the city’s heritage and should be preserved.”

He said he strives to create art that is culturally meaningful and adds visual interest to

his surroundings.

“If it’s not done well, people will just see it as graffiti,” Archuleta said. “I’m more than glad to be able to do the art a third time around so a new generation of students can experience it.”

Preserving art around the city is an important part of maintaining Austin’s individuality, accounting senior Brittney Rodriguez said.

“A lot of the art around campus buildings and things that are on the drag are most memorable to me because I see them every day,” Rodriguez said. “Austin is known for its creativity in all forms of art and I think keeping these murals will help preserve the city’s characteristic of being artistic.”

Communication sciences and disorders senior Behnaz Abolmaali said she hopes to see the culture of public art continue to thrive in the Central Austin area to differentiate it from more traditional suburban neighborhoods.

“I’ve lived in Austin my whole life, and these pieces of art are Austin fixtures,” Abolmaali said. “I would be glad to see the paintings be touched up and stick around for more years to come.”



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Voters’ worries rise as debt ceiling talks heat up in Congress

By Shannon McCaffrey
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — For Rep. Tim Scott the debt ceiling is not only the top issue voters in his South Carolina district want to talk about these days, it seems to be the only issue.

The office of the freshman Republican has been logging dozens of calls and emails every day about the debt ceiling, and it’s the No. 1 topic of discussion at town hall-style meetings with voters.

“Tons of phone calls, lots of emails, and the closer we get to Aug. 2, the more we’re hearing,” Scott said.

With the deadline looming to raise the \$14.3 trillion debt ceiling, voters are tuning in, worried by the prospect of a financial meltdown if the nation defaults and concerned that elected officials in Washington are playing politics with an issue that could have far-reaching consequences.

If the United States falls into default, the result could be higher interest rates on mortgages, car loans and credit cards as well as a stop to Social Security checks for the elderly.

In its simplest form, the debt ceiling fight crystallizes party orthodoxy: Republicans staking out a hard line against raising taxes and Democrats standing firm against deep cuts to government services.

President Barack Obama supports a blend of spending cuts and

tax increases, a position that has backing of 69 percent of Americans, according to a recent Gallup poll.

A poll from the Pew Research Center found that among independent voters’ — coveted by both political parties — concern has shifted from fear that raising the debt ceiling would increase government spending to worry about the impact of the failure to raise the debt ceiling.

Two months ago Pew found that independents, by 49 percent to 34 percent margin, were more concerned that raising the debt ceiling would lead to higher government spending, as opposed to chiefly fearing the harmful effects of keeping the ceiling unchanged. This month, independents split evenly on the question.

Still, some lawmakers say they are hearing the most from their party’s base, those who hold entrenched positions and urge their representatives not to yield.

“Don’t bend, stay the course, stand firm,” Rep. Tom Price said in summing up the feedback from constituents in his heavily Republican district north of Atlanta.

But Rep. John Lewis, an Atlanta Democrat, said he’s also hearing from constituents, and it’s a completely different message.

“They are telling me protect Medicare, protect Social Security, protect those that are less fortunate,” Lewis said.



Susan Walsh | Associated Press

Republican presidential candidate, Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., speaks with Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa., right, about the debt ceiling during a Capitol Hill news conference Wednesday.

Chavez conceals treatment in Cuba

By Ian James
The Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — In his monthlong fight against cancer, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has placed utmost importance on secrecy, carefully offering only scraps of information about his condition.

Now, as he begins planned chemotherapy in Cuba, Chavez appears to have found the perfect place where he can tightly guard details of his illness and keep the prying eyes of the news media far away.

The Venezuelan leader first underwent surgery in the island nation on June 20 to remove a cancerous tumor from his pelvic region. He returned Saturday night, saying he would be starting a “second phase of treatment.”

Typical of the cone of silence Chavez has lowered over his health problems, he hasn’t said how long the chemotherapy is likely to last, and there was no immediate confirmation from either Cuba or Venezuela that the treatments had in fact begun.

Chavez, 56, had said he would begin the treatments in Havana on Sunday to ensure cancer cells don’t reappear. He has also said he has been open about the details of his medical condition.

Maria Teresa Romero, professor of international studies at the Central University of Venezuela, said controlling information about his illness is important for Chavez to maintain both his hold on power and an image of strength at home.

“The secrecy, the trust is assured [in Cuba],” she said, “which is something that wouldn’t be assured if he were treated in Brazil, for example, or here in Venezuela. It would be much more difficult to keep secret everything they are going to do him.”

Paul Webster Hare, a former British ambassador to Cuba from 2001 to 2004, said Chavez is like-

ly receiving the same sort of protections and accommodations that ailing Cuban leader Fidel Castro himself would expect. Hare was also the deputy head of mission for the British Diplomatic Service in Venezuela from 1994 to 1997.

“Everything there will be arranged as if a member of the Castro family were being treated — strict secrecy, encrypted communication with Venezuela, transport, etcetera, just as if a favorite son had returned,” Hare said.

“Just as there is no accountability for the subsidies that Venezuela provides Cuba, the political relationship is based on shared commitments and understandings between the leaders that are never subjected to institutional scrutiny.”

On top of that, Hare said, “non-Cuban specialists could be more easily flown in to Havana than in the countries with a free and inquiring media.”

When Fidel Castro himself was gravely ill in 2006, a Spanish surgeon, not a Cuban, treated him.

One of the few messages that emerged from Chavez by early afternoon Sunday came via his Twitter account, where one of three notes offered congratulations for the start of the ALBA Games in Venezuela, an athletic competition involving countries in the left-leaning Bolivarian Alliance bloc.

“From my trench, battling for life, I congratulate the entire home-



Ariana Cubillos | Associated Press

Venezuela’s President Hugo Chavez kisses a flag after greeting supporters in Venezuela in early July. While recovering from surgery, Chavez returned to his country from Cuba on Monday morning.

land for the marvelous inauguration of the ALBA Games! We will live!” the message said.

Chavez has been treated by a team of Cuban and Venezuelan doctors since doctors removed a cancerous tumor that Chavez said was the size of a baseball. He hasn’t said what type of cancer he was diagnosed with nor specified where exactly it was located, saying only that it was in his pelvic region.

Government officials have deferred to Chavez to provide the information he chooses about his prognosis, while opposition leaders have demanded that the president come clean about what exactly his medical condition is. Three days before he left for Cuba, Chavez acknowledged for the first time that he expected to undergo chemotherapy or radiation treatment.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Astronauts on NASA’s last flight ready supplies for arrival home

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The astronauts making NASA’s last shuttle flight gave up their off-duty time Sunday and finished packing up their gigantic suitcase for the ride home.

The 10 space travelers cheered as they put the final items in Raffaello, the Italian-made cargo canister that’s the size of a bus.

More than 5,600 pounds of old space station equipment, packing foam and other trash will return to Earth this week inside Raffaello.

“We’re full,” reported astronaut Sandra Magnus. “Everybody pitched in.”

The compartment will be moved from the International Space Station back onto space shuttle Atlantis early Monday.

Atlantis will undock from the space station Tuesday, after a visit of more than a week, and aim for a Thursday landing back in Florida to end 30 years of shuttle flight.

Mission Control gave the four shuttle astronauts some time off Sunday to relax before heading home, but they spent it packing.

Now that most of the work is behind, the realization that this is the last shuttle flight is starting to sink in, said flight director Chris Edelen. He said he had a dream the night before.

“In my dream, when I woke up, I realized, ‘Hey, I really do need to savor these moments,’ ” he told reporters, “because this likely will be the last time we ever see a big, winged vehicle like that docked to the space station.”

NASA is retiring its three space shuttles, sending them to museums, so it can work on sending astronauts beyond low-Earth orbit. The goals set forth by the Obama administration: an asteroid by 2025 and Mars by the mid-2030s.

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QUOTES TO NOTE

Less money, more problems

On Thursday the Board of Regents voted to allocate an additional \$20 million out of the Permanent University Fund to UT.

“We haven’t decided how we are going to use it yet.”

— UT Chief Financial Officer Kevin Hegarty after the Board of Regents approved additional funds for UT.

“We could have chosen to sit back and say ‘How do we ride this out until the economy is back to where it was? Or we could say ‘Let’s try to improve our levels today, so that if the economy comes back we’re even stronger.’ ”

— Hegarty commenting on changes in tuition rates at UT during the current recession, according to The Daily Texan.

“People are saying ‘Hey, for what I get, UT and similar institutions are a greater value.’ It’s reflected in the number of applications we get for freshmen.”

— Hegarty commenting on the value of education offered by UT during the recession.

“None of us saw 2008 coming, and this could be worse than 2008. And we’re not in a position to take that risk.”

— UT Board of Regents Chairman Gene Powell, on concerns regarding the dangers of another financial “bubble” forming and investments by the University’s investment management company, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

Spare Stroman, for my identity



By Samian Quazi
Daily Texan Columnist

On July 20, Texas is scheduled to carry out the death penalty against Mark Stroman. One of his victims, Bangladeshi immigrant Rais Bhuiyan, has garnered international headlines by calling for Stroman’s life to be spared. Bhuiyan’s campaign colors my own ethnic identity, and I also plead Gov. Rick Perry to grant Stroman clemency.

Shortly after the 9/11 attacks, Stroman, a meth addict and Aryan Brotherhood member, wanted to enact revenge against people of Middle Eastern descent. In shooting sprees across the Dallas area, Stroman murdered two immigrant gas station workers, one Indian and the other Pakistani. He also shot Bhuiyan at a Texaco gas station ten days after 9/11, leaving the victim with injuries that led to the loss of his left eye and 39 pieces of metal embedded in his head.

At his trial in 2002 then 22 year-old Stroman remained defiant and unrepentant for his crimes. He claimed his murderous rampage was fueled by the loss of his half sister in the World Trade Center collapse — a claim investigators could not confirm. He made an obscene hand gesture in the courtroom at Bhuiyan’s family. He boasted of killing “local Arab Americans, or whatever you want to call them.”

He was sentenced to die by lethal injection by the state of Texas.

I felt struck by Bhuiyan’s story because it encapsulates the pain and idealism so familiar to Bengali immigrants in America. As a one-year-old baby, I moved with my

family to Texas from Bangladesh. While some Bengali immigrants from India and Bangladesh can comfortably settle into white-collar occupations, many others are relegated to dangerous, arduous jobs such as taxicab drivers and gas station clerks.

Like Bhuiyan, my father first encountered America with all of its hardships and few of its glories. We didn’t have a mattress at the time, so we slept on the carpet of our one-bedroom apartment. After working two full-time jobs (one hauling luggage in a hotel, the other cooking at a Denny’s in Houston,) Dad found a new job in a gas station. The hours were long and he often only came home for only three or four hours of sleep, but I don’t look back on those times with misery. I was too young then.

But one of my earliest memories was around age four, when I visited my father outside Memorial Hermann Hospital in 1993. That year, gunshot wounds from an armed robbery at Dad’s gas station had left him in a wheelchair for more than a month. His absence felt like a hollowed-out emptiness, a sense that what once was is what should be and that anything else was loneliness.

Standing outside that hospital with mom and dad in his wheelchair and hospital gown in a pitch-dark night during visiting hours, I felt complete. It felt reassuring to be next to the man with the same hair as me, the “big version” of myself. I was impatient for him to come home already, and I had no feeling (much less animosity) toward the robber. Being next to my father then was the only time in my life I felt hopelessly, undeniably secure.

I support the death penalty, and I don’t think Stroman’s evil deeds warrant seeing

the light of a free sun again. But his children shouldn’t be bereft of hearing his voice or being near him. On his execution-chronicles.com blog, a remorseful Stroman writes of being a “father of four awesome kids. Three girls and one boy – kids are pure innocence – and I can’t stand for anyone to harm or abuse them.”

Bhuiyan understands Stroman is partly a victim of circumstance. Bhuiyan wrote of Stroman in the Austin-American Statesman: “When he was a kid, about the kindest thing his mother told him was that she was \$50 short on aborting him. His stepfather ordered him to hate people, and beat him every time he refused to get into a fight.”

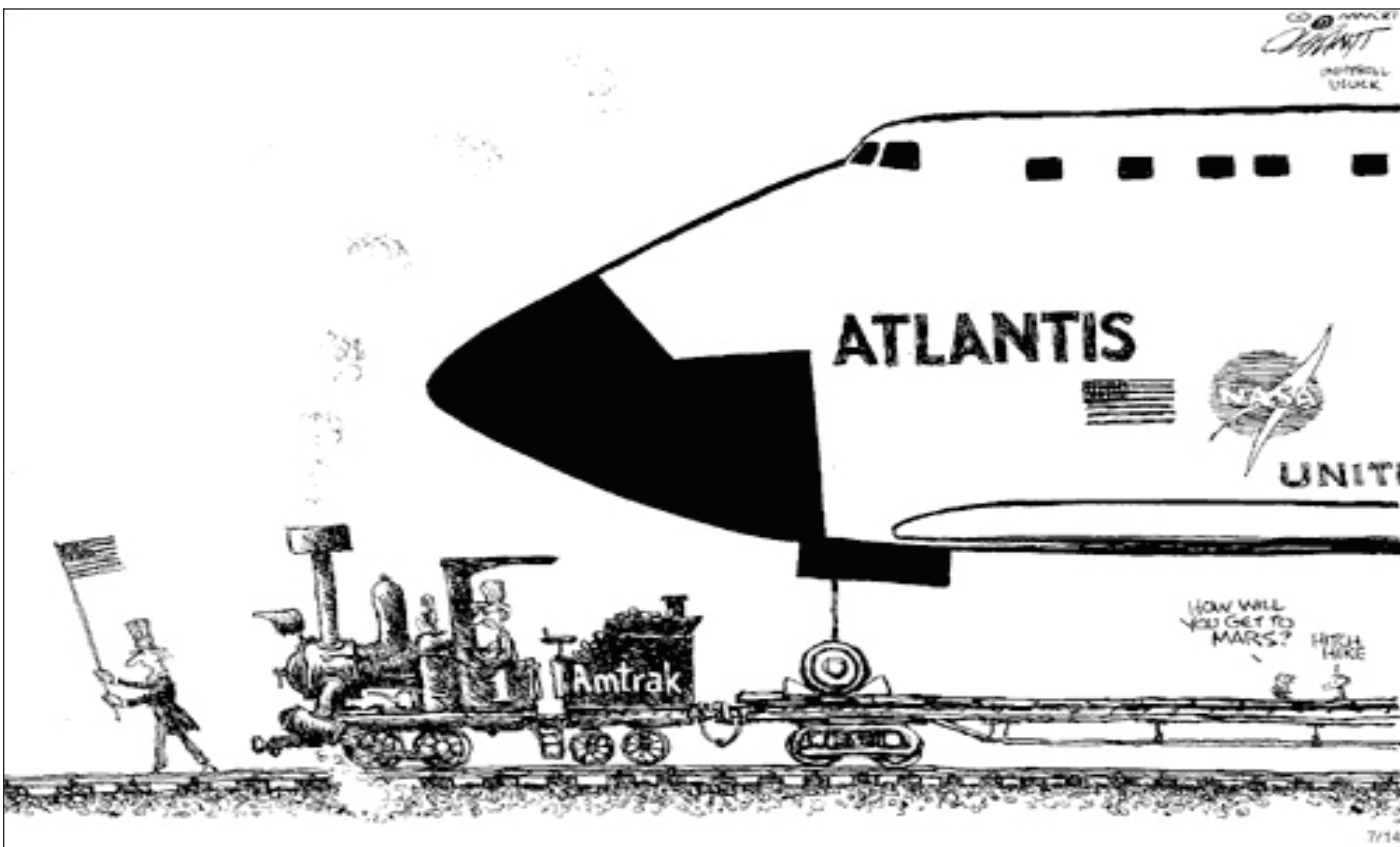
Bengali immigrants are accustomed to hardship. We left a land of endemic poverty to forge a new identity in a country where we don’t even make up a tenth of a percentage point of the population. I grew up often being confused for Indian or Pakistani, and unlike Italian- or Irish-Americans, we are too recently arrived to have substantially contributed to the melting pot.

A Bengali cab driver in New York made national headlines as a stabbing victim during the ground zero controversy, but he bore no malice against his attacker. Last year, another Bengali immigrant drove nearly 50 miles to return \$21,000 an unfortunate passenger had left in his cab. And in 2007, another Bengali also made news for defending a Jewish couple in a subway assault.

I hope Perry does the right thing and grants Stroman clemency. I also hope forgiveness and empathy are values that define Bengali culture’s influence on America.

Quazi is a nursing graduate student.

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Texans shouldn’t ignore border issues



By Harold Fisch
Daily Texan Columnist

Growing up in South Texas, my friends and I would skip school to cross over to Mexico. We would drink cheap beer and eat tacos on the street, check out the shops and generally cause a ruckus. It was only a few years ago, but then the streets were always filled with tourists, cars and people trying to sell trinkets.

Those days are gone now. The places we once frequented are deserted; tourists are now replaced by armed Mexican military; and shops are replaced by abandoned buildings and bullet holes. The bars we would go to are all gone. The famous restaurants are boarded up and nearly forgotten.

“We were warned that the conflict was bad, but we never thought it would be this bad,” said Yosi Sandler, a recent UT graduate and resident of Monterrey. “It’s crazy to see the streets so empty, and it is so tense you can feel it. It is so corrupt that you can no longer trust cops. We have all heard stories of them turning people into the cartels. Now we try to not stop at the red lights because you can’t trust the car that may pull up next to you.”

If students were looking for a cause to get involved with, this is it. This is not some far-flung war halfway across the world or some nuanced civil war in a country most people have never

heard of; the conflict is next door.

Every month the stories from the north of Mexico grow more horrifying. Just this year, mass graves were found near the city of San Fernando, a priest was killed during a gun-fight between two warring factions and a police chief of a Monterrey suburb was shot and killed in his own office when gunmen simply walked through the front door of the station.

UT-Brownsville government professor Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera believes that more than 40,000 civilians have been killed in the north of Mexico since 2006. The number of people who have fled from their homes or voluntarily evacuated is still unknown.

“Most of the guns, 70 to 80 percent are coming from the United States,” Correa-Cabrera said. “People in the north [of Mexico] are living this every day. Many have left, and of course people are afraid.”

On the other side of the border, however, one can hardly tell that there is a conflict going on. In fact, since the border violence started, the Rio Grande Valley has slowly and quietly benefited as more affluent Mexican families relocate themselves in an attempt to reach safety.

Cities such as Brownsville and McAllen have seen a spike in real estate sales and in new business and tax revenue. The city of Brownsville is even planning renovations to the downtown district

to accommodate its new residents. South Texas is one of the fastest growing areas in the United States and has received some national recognition because of this. Yet hardly any publications mentions the border violence as a factor.

The popular perception in the United States is that the border violence is being driven by a culture of corruption in Mexico, which is partly true. But the reality is that the violence in Mexico is fueled more by American vices and luxuries than anything else.

Using guns that they easily procure in the United States due to lax gun laws, Mexican cartels are killing each other and anyone in their way for the privilege of selling drugs to Americans.

American officials have been of no help so far. A bungled operation known as Operation Fast And Furious by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives recently allowed the transfer of hundreds of guns to Mexican cartels.

The American media and leaders have mainly tried to avoid this problem. There must be a change in our habits, in our laws and in the attitudes of leaders on both sides of the border if the situation is to improve. The longer the conflict continues, the more likely that violence will spill over the border and into Texas’ cities. The issue of border violence is deeply complex, and other issues, such as illegal immigration, drug use, poverty, unemployment, hunger and gun rights, continue to

compound the problem.

Texas students can and should play a role in stopping the violence. This issue is not going to go away anytime soon, and the longer it is ignored on this side of the border, the worse it will become. A new direction must be taken by both sides. Real immigration reform, and an end to the drug war are just two issues that students can campaign on to help end the violence in Mexico.

As long as there is a market in the United States for cheap drugs and cheap workers, the conflict to supply those services will continue. Students can start on campus by calling for real immigration and drug reform in Texas, and for stricter gun laws. Students could also support and volunteer with grassroots organizations such as the Latin America Working Group to give support to refugees and the families of those affected by the violence.

“There is a lot of misinformation about the issue right now,” Correa-Cabrera said. “Many people don’t understand that there are issues on both sides of the border driving the violence in Mexico. Activism from students in the United States would help. There must be more knowledge about what is happening with the drugs and the guns and what the relationship between the two countries really is like.”

Fisch is a rhetoric and writing senior.



Trent Lesikar | Daily Texan Staff

Jeanne Carpenter will retire as vice president and director of University Health Services on Sept. 1 after 37 years at UT.

Administrator of UHS to retire, coworker to take over position

By Allison Harris
Daily Texan Staff

After 37 years of working for the University Health Services, Jeanne Carpenter will retire to spend more time with friends and family, she said.

The Division of Student Affairs announced Thursday the University Health Services Associate Vice President and Director Jeanne Carpenter will retire Sept. 1. Chris Brownson, director of the Counseling and Mental Health Center, will take her position as associate vice president of student affairs and look for a new director of the center.

“I’ve had the opportunity to work with dedicated, professional staff who are really looking out for the best interest of the students,” Carpenter said. “From the other side, I have the opportunity to interact with student leaders and Student Health Advisory Committee members and have had a wonderful working relationship with so many students.”

Carpenter praised Chris Brownson as a good choice to replace her as associate vice president of student affairs who also oversees the Counseling and Mental Health Center, the Sanger Learning and Career Center and Uni-

versity Health Services.

“He is an excellent speaker and communicator,” she said. “He has had experience working in all four areas that will be in his portfolio and he’s well respected by the staff of each of his units.”

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— Jeanne Carpenter, University Health Services associate vice president

Juan Gonzalez, vice president of student affairs, said Carpenter was a true professional and a joy to work with.

“She was held in the absolute highest regard with absolute fond-

ness,” Gonzalez said. “She’s a kind person. She has great people skills, always treated people with dignity and respect.”

Gonzalez praised Carpenter’s work as director of University Health Services, a position she has held since 1997.

“She helped implement a modern electronic records system,” he said. “Her health center is regarded as one of the most well-run university health centers in the nation.”

Brownson said he is sad to see Carpenter retire.

“She has been an excellent supervisor and mentor, and a friend,” he said in an email. “She always makes decisions based on what is in the best interest of students on our campus.”

Stephanie Manjudano, Student Health Advisory Committee officer liaison, said she was impressed with the interactions Carpenter had with students at committee meetings last year.

“She wanted to know what we thought about University Health Services, what our opinions were, what our concerns, what our opinions about every aspect of Health Services was,” she said. “She was also very personable and we feel like she really tried to get to know students.”



Anastasia Garcia | Daily Texan Staff

Regent Alex M. Cranberg gives his opinion regarding budgeting for additional university structures during a Board of Regents meeting Thursday afternoon.

Regents approve additional funding for University

The UT System Board of Regents allocated an additional \$20 million to UT from the Permanent University Fund during their meeting Thursday.

This one-time increase will be an addition to the \$168 million the University received last year from the endowment, said Chief Financial Officer Kevin Hegarty.

“We haven’t decided how we are going to use it yet,” Hegarty said.

The endowment is made up of lands the University owns and leas-

es to oil companies and other industries for grazing purposes, he said. The money generated is invested by the University of Texas Investment Management Company and split between UT and Texas A&M University.

The money will not be used for recurring needs because it is only a one-time endowment, but the University budget office will decide how to move forward with the money, Hegarty said.

“[The endowment] will provide

UT with additional money that does not cover the shortfall but will certainly assist,” said the board’s chairman Gene Powell during the meeting.

He said revenue generated from the lands was more than expected this year, and the Regents have decided to help UT and Texas A&M with extra money that will pay for students services and other needs.

— Huma Munir



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Date: July 18, 2011
To: All Students at The University of Texas at Austin
From: Dr. Soncia Reagins-Lilly, Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Subject: TEXAS HAZING STATUTE SUMMARY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN’S HAZING REGULATIONS

The 70th Texas Legislature enacted a law concerning hazing. Under the law, individuals or organizations engaging in hazing could be subject to fines and charged with a criminal offense.

According to the law, a person can commit a hazing offense not only by engaging in a hazing activity, but also by soliciting, directing, encouraging, aiding or attempting to aid another in hazing; by intentionally, knowingly or recklessly allowing hazing to occur; or by failing to report, in writing to the Dean of Students or another appropriate official of the institution, first-hand knowledge that a hazing incident is planned or has occurred. The fact that a person consented to or acquiesced in a hazing activity is not a defense to prosecution for hazing under this law.

In an effort to encourage reporting of hazing incidents, the law grants immunity from civil or criminal liability to any person who reports a specific hazing event in good faith and without malice to the Dean of Students or other appropriate official of the institution and immunizes that person for participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of the report. Additionally, a doctor or other medical practitioner who treats a student who may have been subjected to hazing may make a good faith report of the suspected hazing activities to police or other law enforcement officials and is immune from civil or other liability that might otherwise be imposed or incurred as a result of the report. The penalty for failure to report is a fine of up to \$1,000, up to 180 days in jail, or both. Penalties for other hazing offenses vary according to the severity of the injury which results and include fines from \$500 to \$10,000 and/or confinement for up to two years.

HAZING DEFINED

The law defines hazing as **any intentional, knowing or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include students at an educational institution.** Hazing includes but is not limited to:

- A. any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body or similar activity;
- B. any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student;
- C. any activity involving consumption of food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, liquor, drug or other substance which subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or which adversely affects the mental or physical health of the student;
- D. any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism, that subjects the student to extreme mental stress, shame or humiliation, or that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from entering or remaining registered in an educational institution, or that may reasonably be expected to cause a student to leave the organization or the institution rather than submit to acts described in this subsection;
- E. any activity that induces, causes or requires the student to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the Penal Code.

UNIVERSITY DISCIPLINARY RULES

This law does not affect or in any way limit the right of the university to enforce its own rules against hazing under Chapter 16 of the *Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities*. In addition, *Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System*, Series 50101, Number 2, Section 2.8, provide that:

- (a) Hazing with or without the consent of a student is prohibited by the System, and a violation of that prohibition renders both the person inflicting the hazing and the person submitting to the hazing subject to discipline.
- (b) Initiations or activities by organizations may include no feature that is dangerous, harmful or degrading to the student. A violation of this prohibition renders both the organization and participating individuals subject to discipline.

DANGEROUS OR DEGRADING ACTIVITIES

Activities which under certain conditions constitute acts which are dangerous, harmful or degrading, in violation of Chapter 16 and subsections 6-303(b)(3) and 11-404(a)(8) of the *Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities* include but are not limited to:

- ▶ Calisthenics, such as sit-ups, push-ups or any other form of physical exercise;
- ▶ Total or partial nudity at any time;
- ▶ The eating or ingestion of any unwanted substance;
- ▶ The wearing or carrying of any embarrassing, degrading or physically burdensome article;
- ▶ Paddle swats, including the trading of swats;
- ▶ Pushing, shoving, tackling or any other physical contact;
- ▶ Throwing any substance on a person;
- ▶ Consumption of alcoholic beverages accompanied by either threats or peer pressure;
- ▶ Lineups for the purpose of interrogating, demeaning or intimidating;
- ▶ Transportation and abandonment (road trips, kidnaps, walks, rides, drops);
- ▶ Confining individuals in an area that is uncomfortable or dangerous (hot box effect, high temperature, too small);
- ▶ Any form of individual interrogation;
- ▶ Any type of servitude that is of personal benefit to the individual members;
- ▶ Wearing of embarrassing or uncomfortable clothing;
- ▶ Assigning pranks such as stealing, painting objects, harassing other organizations;
- ▶ Intentionally messing up the house or a room for clean up;
- ▶ Demeaning names;
- ▶ Yelling or screaming; and
- ▶ Requiring boxing matches or fights for entertainment.

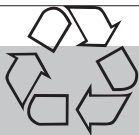
DISCIPLINED ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE RESOLVED VIA MUTUAL AGREEMENTS

In accordance with requirements of the *Texas Education Code* Section 51.936(c), the following organizations have been disciplined for hazing and/or convicted for hazing, on or off campus, during the preceding three years:

- ▶ **Absolute Texxas*** Conditional registration is one and a half (1.5) years (Completed November 19, 2009).
- ▶ **Alpha Epsilon Pi** Found to be in violation; Penalty pending.
- ▶ **alpha Kappa Delta Phi*** Conditional registration is three (3) years (June 10, 2013).
- ▶ **Alpha Tau Omega*** Conditional registration is two (2) years (May 13, 2012).
- ▶ **Beta Chi Theta*** Conditional registration is one (1) year (Completed August 24, 2010).
- ▶ **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** Penalty issued November 10, 2009 (Suspended through December 31, 2009; Probation through October 30, 2012).
- ▶ **Delta Tau Delta*** Conditional registration is two (2) years (September 9, 2012).
- ▶ **Kappa Alpha Order*** Conditional registration is three (3) months (Completed December 31, 2010).
- ▶ **Kappa Phi Gamma Sorority, Inc.*** Conditional registration is one (1) year (Completed May 12, 2009).
- ▶ **Lambda Phi Epsilon** Penalty issued December 20, 2005 (Cancelled through December 19, 2011; Suspended through December 19, 2012; Probation through December 19, 2013).
- ▶ **Omega Phi Gamma*** Conditional registration is three (3) years (July 13, 2014).
- ▶ **Phi Delta Chi-Pharmacy*** Conditional registration is one (1) year (Completed March 5, 2010).
- ▶ **Phi Delta Theta*** Conditional registration is two (2) years (July 13, 2013).
- ▶ **Phi Gamma Delta*** Conditional registration is two (2) years (Completed July 15, 2010).
- ▶ **Phi Kappa Psi** Penalty issued February 7, 2006 (Cancelled through February 6, 2007; Suspended through March 27, 2008; Probation through March 24, 2010).
- ▶ **Sigma Alpha Epsilon*** Conditional registration is five (5) years (April 7, 2013).
- ▶ **Sigma Chi*** Conditional registration is two (2) years (Completed May 16, 2010).
- ▶ **Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.*** Conditional registration is one (1) year (Completed August 16, 2010).
- ▶ **Sigma Phi Epsilon*** Conditional registration is two (2) years (September 1, 2012).
- ▶ **Silver Spurs*** Conditional registration is ongoing.
- ▶ **Texas Cheer and Pom*** Conditional registration is two (2) years (July 23, 2011).
- ▶ **Texas Iron Spikes*** Conditional registration is three (3) years (March 7, 2014).
- ▶ **Texas Spirits*** Conditional registration is one (1) year (Completed May 19, 2009).
- ▶ **Texas Wranglers*** Conditional registration is two (2) years (Completed October 6, 2010).
- ▶ **Zeta Beta Tau*** Conditional registration is two (2) years (August 19, 2012).

*Resolved via Mutual Agreement

To report an act of hazing to the Office of the Dean of Students, visit deanofstudents.utexas.edu/complaint.php. For further information or clarification of probationary member activities, please contact Student Activities in the Office of the Dean of Students, Student Services Building (SSB) 4.400, 512-471-3065.



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Philanthropic study may help nonprofits with scarce funding

By Allison Harris
Daily Texan Staff

Personal connections with a charity are important to people who offer philanthropy, new research from UT and other universities confirms.

UT assistant psychology professor Marlene Henderson and researchers from the University of Chicago and Sungkyunkwan University in South Korea conducted five studies of 1,462 people that Henderson said would be published in the "Journal of Experimental Psychology: General." The studies manipulated audience identification by describing the beneficiaries of a shared goal in distancing terms such as "they" or "them" or in close terms such as "we" and "us."

When people identified less with a cause, they were more motivated by appeals that focused on what had already been accomplished.

"Individuals who think of the beneficiaries in psychologically distant terms contribute more when you can find a way to signal to them that the charity's cause is important," Henderson said in an email. "When you make people focus on what other people have already contributed versus what's still missing, people feel like the cause is more important and thus feel more motivated to give."

By contrast, people who identified more with a cause were better persuaded by appeals focused on what the group needed to meet its goal. Henderson said those who identify with a cause do not need to be persuaded of its importance but that it

needs support. Henderson said the research could help groups develop new strategies to increase donors and contributions and therefore benefit society. "In the United States and abroad, there have been recent calls by policy makers for citizens to engage in more philanthropy," he said. "Such increased engagement in philanthropy would likely result in benefits at both the personal and social level, as charitable giving and volunteering have been linked to better health as well as a better economy."

Peter Frumkin, director of the RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service in the LBJ School of Public Affairs, said the research could help nonprofits as they face fewer donations due to a rough economy. "The study points at least one part of the strategy during tough times is to go back to your loyal donors, because you're kind of emphasizing the missing pieces that are required," he said.

Frumkin said nonprofits could also increase funds by getting people involved in other ways before soliciting money for donations. Julia Gasc, the college director of Best Buddies at UT, said the research is in line with her experiences and that she will considerate in future attempts to recruit people or solicit donations.

"Our accomplishments and what we're trying to do as an organization are a big part of recruiting people who just aren't really interested or haven't had any kind of experience with Best Buddies," Gasc said.

“Such increased engagement in philanthropy would likely result in benefits at both the personal and social level...”
—Marlene Henderson, UT professor



Dr. Misha Vaughan presents methods for designing internet and mobile health promotion interfaces at the Nursing School's Summer Colloquium on Friday. The purpose of the discussion was to help individuals working with medical technologies increase their ease of use.

Lecture blends health, technology

By Syeda Hasan
Daily Texan Staff

The School of Nursing is bringing creative minds from the health and communications industries together to develop new ideas for implementing health care using modern technology.

The Center for Health Promotion & Prevention Research hosted a lecture Friday to promote new systems of communication in hospitals and updated ways of providing health care to patients such as integrated computer programs and improved electronic interfaces.

Dr. Misha Vaughan, architect for the computer technology company Oracle and a UT alumni, said developers should aim to provide an engaging user experiences through their electronic interfaces.

"The game is changing," Vaughan

said. "The bar is raised, and expectations of users of technology today because you're competing with user experiences such as Amazon, Facebook and the iPad. If it's not as easy to use, seamless and interactive, your user is one click away from finding another option."

Vaughan said the most important component in designing useful programs is conducting research in the health care field to recognize the types of interruptions professionals and patients experience when using the technology and develop solutions for them.

"It's really important you consider the real world context and what the challenges someone such as a new mom might face when trying to use the Internet or a mobile device to access health information," she said. "We also followed health professionals in foreign countries

to see what their daily work life was like, and it was only through observation that we learned their specific needs such as how important things like texting can be in countries with a high noise level."

Vaughan said programs with poorly designed interfaces cause companies to miss out on potential profits as users look for programs that better meet their needs.

"You don't have to be a billion dollar company to do this," she said. "You can actually do a lot of this research very cheaply, and focus on engagement and the flow of the information which are most important."

Nursing professor Lorraine Walker said Vaughan's research provides an effective structure for finding the most efficient way for health care professionals to communicate important information

using new technology. "This research focuses on next-generation user interface technology," Walker said. "There is a lot of discussion going on about health promotion through technology such as the Internet, but knowing how to do it well is the next challenge."

Associate nursing professor Linda Yoder said it is important to keep health communication technologies current so young health professionals are not alienated by older technologies that may be unfamiliar to them.

"When we look at the average nurse on a very busy unit, it's important that you see this fluid action of nursing work," Yoder said. "If we do a better job of information interface within that environment, it would provide enrichment especially for the new generation of workers."

Ransom Center to house exhibition on history of censorship

By Elizabeth Hinojos
Daily Texan Staff

Harry Ransom Center visitors will be able to explore censorship in publications between the two world wars in an exhibition titled "Banned Burned, Seized, and Censored," which will open this fall.

According to the Ransom Center's website, the exhibition will showcase U.S. institutions that restricted publication during the time period. Some of the institutions include the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, the New England Watch and Ward Society, the Book-of-the-Month

Club, the Post Office Department and the Treasury Department.

Censorship in America tends to be about sexuality, said Robert Jacks, a graduate student who teaches a course on banned books and novel ideas.

"There's never an itching on censoring violence, but it's the sexual situations that will get authors in trouble," Jacks said.

He said the graphic sex scenes and scatological humor led to censorship of the early 20th century novel "Ulysses," by James Joyce.

The topic of this exhibit was suggested to the Ransom Center by a visitor, said Danielle Sigler, a curator there. Sigler said censorship

remains an issue because of new electronic publishing formats and questions about appropriateness in those formats.

"There's a graphic edition of the novel 'Ulysses,' which is being published in an online format, and [the publishers] ran into issues with Apple censoring material because it featured nudity," Sigler said.

The publisher and lead creator of the Ulysses publication are going to be at the Ransom Center this fall to talk about their experience with censorship. Other guest speakers will include Isaiah Sheffer, who presents "Selective Shorts" on National Public Radio, and two actors who will read

selections from banned works at the exhibition.

"I hope this gives people the opportunity to think critically about their own views on censorship, to look at this earlier era and try to understand both the pro- and anti-censorship arguments of the period," Sigler said. "Visitors can look at the world around them and see how those arguments are still being articulated today."

The Ransom Center houses the documents of Morris Ernst, a notorious civil liberties attorney who defended Joyce and Random House Publishing when obscenity charges were brought against his novel in 1922.

The museum received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to reorganize the Ernst collection and make it more accessible for researchers, Sigler said. She said there are some items from the papers that are in the exhibition, and the bulk of the collection will be accessible to researchers at end of the year.

The Ernst collection is central to the exhibit and the fact that the museum has a great Joyce collection provides the opportunity for the public to see the various kinds of censorship that some people don't realize exist, said Thomas Staley, director of the Ransom Center.

"I think it's especially interesting now for students to look at this phenomenon because it tells us a great deal about ourselves, about America and about what is it that's being said and why," Staley said.

Staley is currently overseeing various academic programs which will be associated with the exhibition. He is finding opportunities for collaboration between students and faculty who are studying issues related to first amendment rights and are able to examine the material in person.

"Banned, Burned, Seized, and Censored" will be open to the public from Sep. 6, 2011, to Jan. 22, 2012.



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Support from entire globe pours in as Japan claims first ever World Cup title

By The Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — Japan stunned the Americans in a riveting Women's World Cup final, beating them 3-1 on penalty kicks Sunday after coming from behind twice in a 2-2 tie. Goalkeeper Ayumi Kaihori made two brilliant saves in the shootout.

"Before we went to the match tonight we had some commentary on television and we heard comments on the situation in Japan," coach Norio Sasaki said. "We wanted to use this opportunity to thank the people back home for the support that has been given."

This was Japan's first appearance in the final of a major tournament, and they had not beaten the Americans in their first 25 meetings, including a pair of 2-0 losses in warm-up games a month before the World Cup. But the Nadeshiko pushed ahead, playing inspired soccer and hoping their success could provide even a small emotional lift to their nation, still reeling from the March 11 earthquake and tsunami that devastated the northern coast of the country and left nearly 23,000 dead or missing.

After each game, the team unfurled a banner saying, "To our Friends Around the World — Thank You for Your Support." On Sunday, they did it before the match and afterward they had a new sign to display: Champions — and the first Asian country to win this title.

The Americans found it all too hard to grasp. They believed they were meant to be World Cup champions after their rocky year — needing a playoff to



United States goalkeeper Hope Solo fails to save a penalty during the penalty shootout of the final match between Japan and the United States at the Women's Soccer World Cup in Frankfurt, Germany, Sunday.



A fan wonders what could have been as the 2011 Women's World Cup ended Sunday afternoon. The United States lost to Japan 3-1 on penalty kicks in the explosive finale held in Frankfurt, Germany.

Japanese overcome odds, win in incredible fashion over favored Americans

By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Columnist

If I've said it once, I've said it a thousand times — sports have this uncanny way of mimicking real life in some form or fashion.

When Japan won the 2011 Women's World Cup, they were ranked the fourth best team in the world, and miles behind the Americans, Swedes and Germans in terms of size and power. But like Japan,

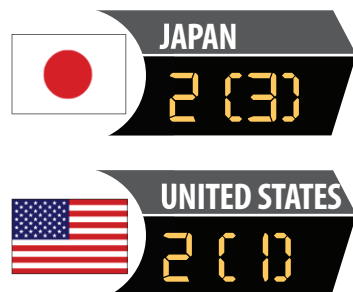
the nation, the players progressed forward with a quiet confidence that can't be found in many teams, especially when their friends and family were dealing with disaster back home.

When Japan was devastated by the costly March earthquake — in terms of both lives and money — they spent little time grieving. Rather, they lived by the Japanese word "ganbare," which has no literal translation into English. According to Japanese linguists, "persevere," "fight on" and "hang in there" don't quite capture its deeper meaning, but it is somewhere

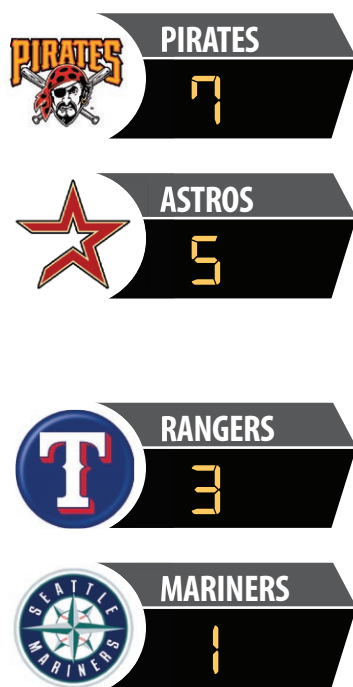
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TWEET OF THE WEEK

Alex Morgan
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I am a little heart broken. But we left it all on the field, and I am proud of this team.

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Texas Rangers starting pitcher C.J. Wilson throws in the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners on Saturday in Seattle.

Rangers putting wins together in hopes of another AL crown

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Staff

In the midst of an 11-game win streak, the Rangers are showing that last year's AL pennant was no fluke.

You could always count on Texas for plenty of runs every night. Before last season, you could count on the same from their opponent as well. Since all-time strikeout king Nolan Ryan took over the organization, the Texas pitching staff that was once a burden is now what's driving the team's recent success.

Ryan's disregard of pitch counts and emphasis on starting pitchers going deeper into games has worked wonders for his staff. In 2008, Ryan's first year as Rangers president, Texas finished dead last in team ERA, WHIP, quality starts and opposing batting average. This season, the Rangers have improved to a 3.81 team ERA, more than 1.5 runs below what it was in '08 and they are on pace for 102 quality starts, nearly twice as many as they had four seasons ago.

Despite losing southpaw extraordinaire

Cliff Lee, Texas' pitching staff is as formidable as it was in 2010. C.J. Wilson was an All-Star this season. Derek Holland has thrown consecutive complete game shutouts. Colby Lewis was an out away from tossing one in his last start. Alexi Ogando has brilliantly and seamlessly made the transition from reliever to starter.

The Rangers lineup is still fearsome. Even without two critical parts of their lineup — Nelson Cruz (for nearly three weeks) and defending AL MVP Josh Hamilton (for over five weeks) — Texas hung on to its division lead. On May 23, Cruz and Hamilton both homered in their first games back. Since their return from the disabled list, Texas is 29-18, good for the major league's fourth-best record in that span.

Middle infielders Ian Kinsler, who has miraculously managed to stay healthy all season, and Elvis Andrus have been solid so far. On the corners, Mitch Moreland and third

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Lack of run production, pitching cripples Astros

By Nick Cremona
Daily Texan Staff

It was a tough first half of the season for the Houston Astros. With the worst record in baseball at the All-Star break, the Astros couldn't seem to catch a break.

Save for Hunter Pence, who leads the team in the major offensive categories, the Astros have had little to hang their hats and hopes on this season. The team's lone All-Star boasts a .323 average, has hit 11 home runs and has driven in 60 runs, but the rest of the team has done little to support Pence's impressive numbers.

At the All-Star break, Houston owned a 30-63 record and sat 19 games behind the Pittsburgh Pirates. The perennial bottom-feeders of the NL Central have finally righted the ship and are now in contention for the NL Central Division.

It is extremely difficult to find more than a couple of Astros who haven't been a major disappointment this year. Enter Carlos Lee. The hefty Panamanian has done little to impress in a home ballpark that caters to his heavy pull hitting. With

the short porch in left field only 315 feet away, Lee has only been able to hit seven home runs thus far — hardly acceptable from someone who is supposed to provide major power and is paid accordingly. Coupled with his lack of mobility both on the bases and on the field, Lee has proved to be a major hindrance for the Astros and this doesn't seem to be changing anytime soon.

Michael Bourn may not be having as bad a year as Lee, but his numbers are far from what he is capable of. The Houston native has stolen 35 bases, which is tops in the majors, but his strikeout numbers remain too high for a leadoff hitter. With a .287 average and 60 runs scored, Bourn does sit among the team leaders in those categories. However, a lack of dependable run production from the rest of the team is what has hurt the Astros thus far.

Offensive production has been minimal, as has the pitching. The Astros' team ERA of 4.66 is next to last in the majors, and the team only has ten saves this

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National League's Hunter Pence of the Houston Astros runs to third base on a passed ball by American League's Matt Wieters of the Baltimore Orioles during the seventh inning of the MLB All-Star baseball game Tuesday, in Phoenix.

Matt York
Associated Press

SPORTS BRIEFLY



Cedric Benson
Former Texas runningback

Benson arrested Sunday on misdemeanor assault charge

Former Texas runningback Cedric Benson was arrested early Sunday morning and booked at the Travis County Jail on a misdemeanor charge of assault causing bodily injury. He was out of jail by Sunday afternoon.

Benson's lawyer Sam Bassett sent this statement to The Daily Texan:

"Mr. Benson has been charged with misdemeanor assault arising out of a conflict with a former male roommate. The two had difficulties resulting from Mr. Benson asking the former male roommate to leave his home a few days prior to this incident. The conflict became physical early this morning and we intend to fully investigate. There is not enough information available at this time for further comment."

In four seasons at Texas, Benson rushed for 5,540 yards, second in school history. He is a member of the Cincinnati Bengals.

— Trey Scott

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qualify, a loss in group play to Sweden, the epic comeback against Brazil. They simply couldn't pull off one last thriller.

"The players were patient, they wanted to win this game," Sasaki said. "I think it's because of that the Americans scored only two goals."

While Japan celebrated at midfield, the Americans stood as a group and watched.

"There are really no words," Abby Wambach said. "We were so close."

Minutes, in fact.

After Wambach scored in the 104th minute of overtime to give the Americans a 2-1 lead, Homare Sawa flicked in a corner kick in the 117th to tie it. It was the fifth goal of the tournament for Sawa, who was playing in her fifth World Cup.

"We ran and ran," Sawa said. "We were exhausted, but we kept running."

The Americans had beaten Brazil on penalty kicks in a quarterfinal, but they didn't have the same touch Sunday. Give Kaihori credit for some of that. Shannon Boxx took the first U.S. shot, and it banged off Kaihori's right leg as she dove. After Aya Miyama made her penalty, Carli Lloyd stepped up and sent her shot soaring over the crossbar. As the crowd gasped, Lloyd covered her mouth in dismay.

Hope Solo saved Japan's next shot, but Kaihori made an impressive two-handed save on a shot by Tobin Heath.

"This is a team effort," Kaihori said. "In the penalty shootout I just had to believe in myself and I was very confident."

Solo came up with a save, and Wambach buried her penalty kick.

But Japan need to make just one more, and Saki Kumagai did.

"It's tough to do two rounds of penalties," Wambach said. "The keeper knows in a lot of ways where we're going to go. She made some great saves."

Hollywood celebrities, pro athletes, even folks who don't know a bicycle kick from a Schwinn were captivated by the U.S. women and charmed by their grit and can-do attitude that is uniquely — proudly — American. Even President Barack Obama was a fan, taking to Twitter himself Sunday morning to wish the team well.

"Sorry I can't be there to see you play, but I'll be cheering you on from here. Let's go. — BO."

But, of course, it was not to be.

"If any other country was to win this, then I'm really happy and proud for Japan," Lloyd said. "Deep down inside I really thought it was our destiny to win it. But maybe it was Japan's."

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along those lines.

The nation still grieving, still working together to clean up the billions of dollars in damages, still mourning the uncountable loss of life, still trying to find any semblance of normalcy in their daily routines exemplifies the word, and it is certainly a mantra the Japanese squad lived by throughout the tournament and most evidently in the final match.

America shot 31 shots in the final. Abby Wambach, Alex Morgan, Carli Lloyd, Lauren Cheney and the rest of the U.S. team fired round after round at the small Japanese goalie, Ayumi Kaihori, but she didn't sweat it. She allowed two perfectly executed, indefensible goals in, but brilliantly navigated the rest of the barrage.

America played power ball, and played it well for majority of the match. Morgan was able to use her speed and toughness to get in front of the Japanese defense and smash a shot into the upper corner of the net. Japan answered a few minutes later by being patient, forcing the U.S. to make a mistake and setting itself up for a cute little tap in right in front of Hope Solo and the American defense.

When Wambach received that beautiful cross from Morgan in the 104th minute, she towered over her defender to strike a perfect header into the back of the net. That didn't stop the little-engine-that-could Japanese team from playing that unique brand of touch-and-go soccer that set up the eventual Homare Sawa back-heel goal in the dramatic 117th minute.

There's no reason to be happy the United States lost, but there surely is reason to be happy Ja-

pan won. As a matter of fact, the United States played the better game, and in a perfect sports world, the stronger team should always come out on top. But like the world, sports aren't perfect, they are real. And reality, like sports, has only a few truths — mental toughness, teamwork and, above all, perseverance pay in the long run.

By the time the inevitable penalty kicks rolled around (you knew that was the only way to end the drama), Japan was aware it had finally worked hard enough to gain the upper hand. Before the teams took to the pitch, the Japanese team didn't say much in their huddle. The camera caught head coach Norio Sasaki, simply smiling at his team in the huddle, as if to say, "We've already won this, now make it official." Or maybe he was saying "ganbare."

BRITISH OPEN



Peter Morrison | Associated Press

Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke holds the Claret Jug trophy in front of the scoreboard on the 18th green as he celebrates winning the British Open Golf Championship at Royal St George's golf course Sandwich, England, Sunday, July 17, 2011. (AP Photo/Peter Morrison)

Clarke pulls in first Open title after years of coming up short

By Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

SANDWICH, England — Another major goes to Northern Ireland. The surprise was Darren Clarke's name on the claret jug.

Ten years after he last contended in a major, no longer in the top 100 in the world, Clarke delivered his defining moment Sunday in the British Open when he held off brief challenges from Phil Mickelson and Dustin Johnson to win golf's oldest championship.

The weather was so wild that heavy rain changed to sunshine, back and forth all afternoon, while the wind was relentless.

Clarke was a steady presence through it all.

A 20-foot eagle putt on the seventh hole gave him the lead for good, and he didn't drop a shot until it no longer mattered. With bogeys on the last two holes, Clarke closed with an even-par 70 for a three-shot victory over the two Americans.

"Pretty amazing right now," Clarke said, the claret jug at his side. "It's been a dream since I've been a kid to win the Open, like any kid's dream is, and I'm able to do it, which just feels incredible."

Northern Ireland had gone 63 years without a major. Now it has three of the last six — Graeme McDowell in the U.S. Open last year at Pebble Beach, followed by Rory McIlroy at the U.S. Open in a record performance last month at Congressional, and now the 42-year-old Clarke.

"Northern Ireland..... Golf capital of the world!!" McIlroy tweeted as Clarke played the last hole.

"We're blessed to have two fantastic players in Rory and GMac, and I've just come along, the only guy coming along behind them," Clarke said. "We have fantastic golf courses, we have fantastic facilities, but to have three major champions from a little, small place in a short period of time, it's just incredible."

They are so close that a week after McIlroy won the U.S. Open, Clarke pulled out of a tournament in Germany so he could return to Northern Ireland and join the celebration.

They were always for someone else. Clarke had reason to believe his best celebrations were behind him. Surely, nothing could top playing a Ryder Cup on home soil in Ireland five years ago and leading Europe to victory just one month after his wife, Heather, died of cancer.

"In terms of what's going through my heart, there's obviously somebody who is watching down from up above there, and I know she'd be very proud of me," Clarke said. "She's probably be saying, 'I told you so.'"

Indeed, this was overdue.

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baseman Adrian Beltre are just as reliable. Remarkably, Michael Young leads Texas with a .323 batting average — impressive considering he was thought of as an afterthought this offseason after the acquisition of Beltre. Young is 32 hits away from 2,000 career.

Former Longhorn catcher Taylor Teagarden recently had a brief stint with the Rangers after Mike Napoli was injured. Teagarden made six starts in the three weeks he spent in the big leagues, hitting .269. In his last game, Teagarden went out in style, going 3-for-5 with two doubles and a pair of RBIs.

On his way back from the DL, Napoli spent some time playing for the Round Rock Express. He blasted a walk-off home run one night and homered twice the next night, with the second sending the game into extra innings.

Napoli was called up July 4 and is hitting .391 and slugging a whopping .913.

But considering the Rangers recent history, Napoli's power surge shouldn't come as a surprise. The Texas Rangers have always hit well. As long as their pitching staff stays healthy and performs the way it did in the first half of the season, they should find themselves in the playoffs once again.


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season. The five starting pitchers share only 17 wins and the talented J.A. Happ owns a 3-11 record. Once again, it is tough to find any positives when the lowest ERA of a starting pitcher is 3.46, which belongs to Bud Norris. Norris does have 113 strikeouts as well, but his 5-6 record is far from perfect.

Lastly, Houston's 69 errors and .980 team fielding percentage ranks 27th out of 30 teams in the majors. Just like the many balls that have gotten by the Astros to cause all those errors, this season has seemed to slip away as well.

The Astros are in quite the hole in the NL Central, but as they have proved before in the second half of the season, no lead is safe in the division. In order to mount another comeback, they'll need help from the entire club.




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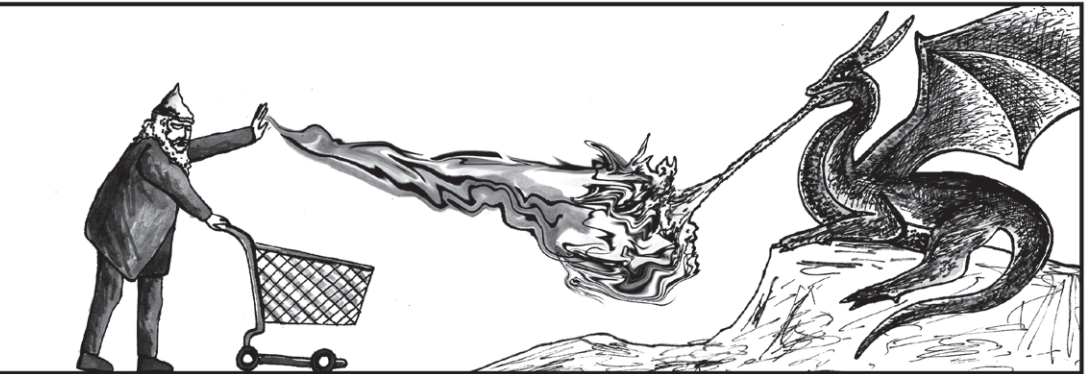
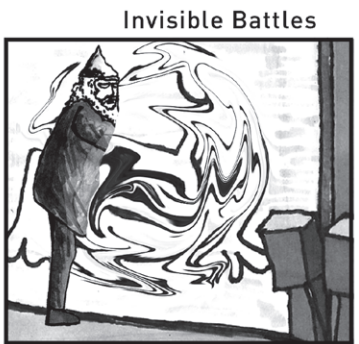
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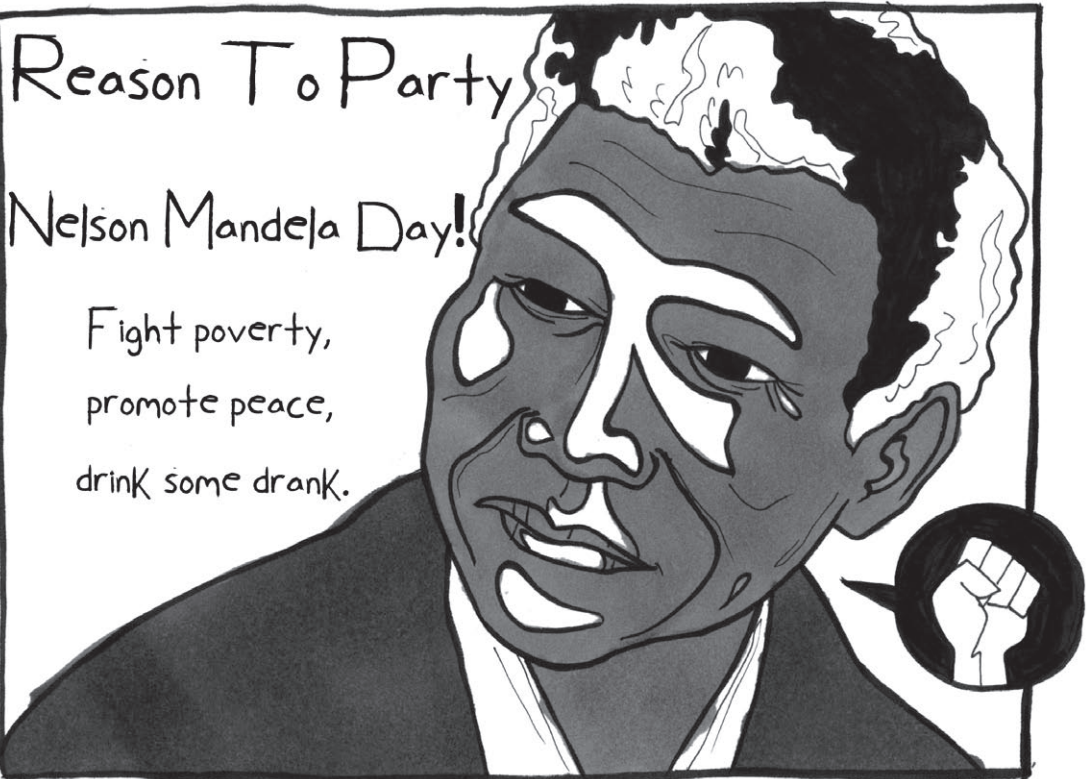


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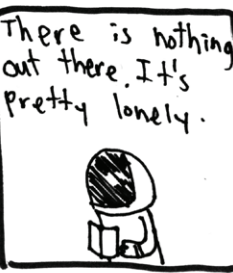


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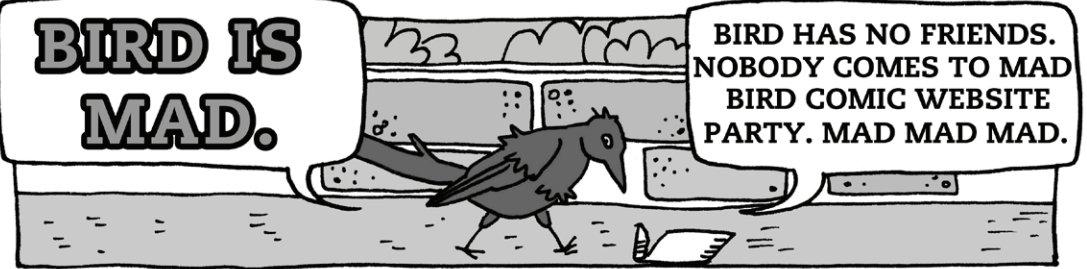


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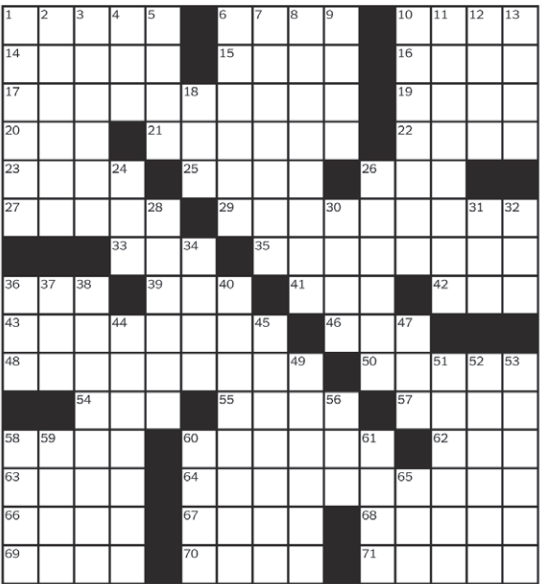
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 - 17 Laundry that's often food-stained
 - 19 Animal balancing a beachball on its nose
 - 20 French friend
 - 21 Fix, as a bathroom floor
 - 22 Pinnacle
 - 23 With 57-Across, game that includes the starts of 17-, 29-, 48- and 64-Across
 - 25 Catch some Z's
 - 26 Assist
 - 27 Twisty highway curves
 - 29 How much you really earned
- Down
- 33 Percé (Indian tribe)
 - 35 Sting or Prince
 - 36 ---tac-toe
 - 39 Ballot marks
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 - 42 Hurricane's center
 - 43 Ones in disbelief?
 - 46 Hosp. scan
 - 48 Hoosier university
 - 50 Computer acronym
 - 54 Grain in Cheerios
 - 55 Pepsi---
 - 57 See 23-Across
 - 58 Word before speed or after time
 - 60 Ones said to be "trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly ..."
 - 62 Guevara
 - 63 x or y line on a graph

- 64 Lakeshore rental, perhaps
- 66 Surrender
- 67 Tribe allied with the Missouri, once
- 68 Garlicky sauce
- 69 Lyric poems
- 70 Truckloads
- 71 French Impressionist Claude

- Down
- 1 Record again
 - 2 "The Man in the Iron Mask" role for Jeremy Irons
 - 3 Airplane sections
 - 4 Course for some immigrants: Abbr.
 - 5 Bucks and does
 - 6 Serve, as at a restaurant
 - 7 Air purifier, of sorts
 - 8 Common Halloween costume
 - 9 Tree with needles
 - 10 Artworks made of many pieces
 - 11 Brief story that might open a speech
 - 12 Where America's Day Begins
 - 13 ___ of Man
 - 18 Trailblazed
 - 24 Patton or Petraeus: Abbr.
 - 26 Turkey's capital
 - 28 Putting women down, e.g.
 - 30 Warhead weapon, for short



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- 31 Month of the Kentucky Derby and Indianapolis 500
- 32 Before, to a poet
- 34 Gusto
- 36 Key above Caps Lock
- 37 "Give ___ whirl"
- 38 Salt, e.g.
- 40 Disconnected, musically
- 44 Passes, as time
- 45 Used as a platform
- 47 AOL, for one
- 49 Escapes
- 51 Butterfly protector
- 52 Get some air
- 53 "Aha!"
- 56 The "A" in NATO: Abbr.
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- 59 Chopped down
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A crowd seeks shelter at the Cloud Gate sculpture, also known as The Bean, on a rainy day in Millennium Park. The sculpture was designed by artist Anish Kapoor and was constructed between 2004-2006.

SCENES FROM THE SECOND CITY

Photos by Trent Lesikar

“No realistic, sane person goes around Chicago without protection.”

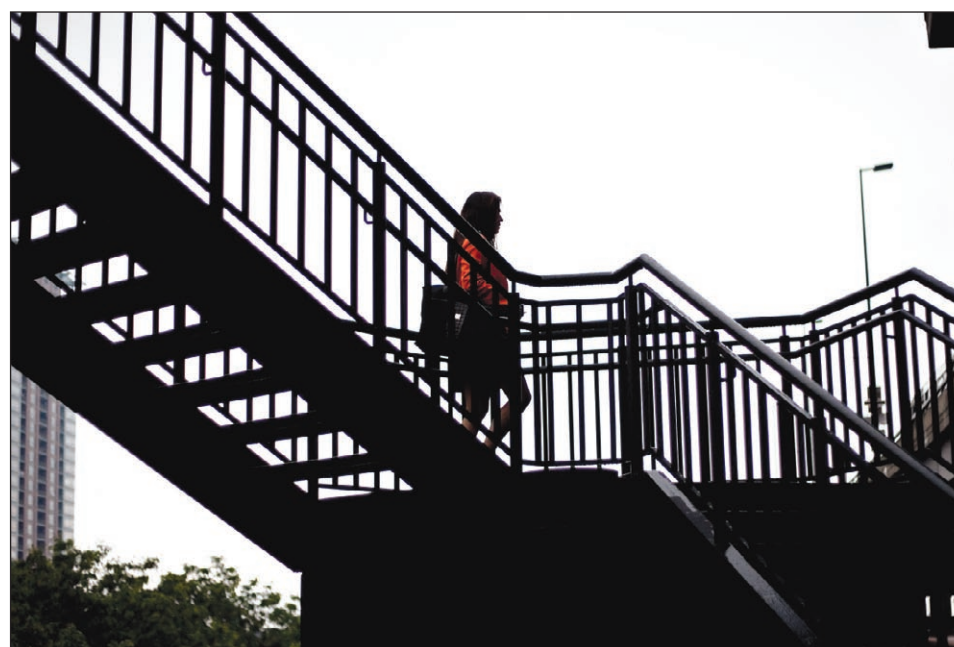
— Saul Bellow, American writer ”

Traveling with a camera in hand provides a sort of protection the average wanderer in a new city doesn't get. It can be something to hide behind, an icebreaker with strangers, or simply a way to document the sights and cultures in a strange place. My cameras were my shield, my introduction to others and the way I recorded my first trip to Chicago this summer.

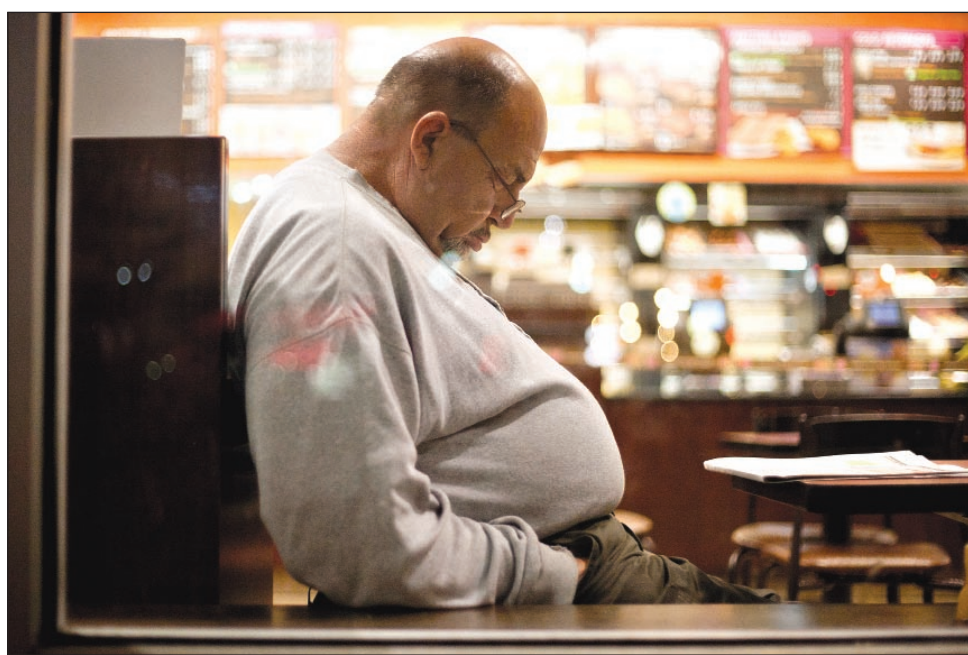
A city is nothing without people, and the people of Chicago are a unique breed. In warmer weather, the city lurches forward from the depths of a cold winter and takes to the streets to embrace its humanity. The sidewalks of any given neighborhood are full of workers, shoppers, travelers and tourists. Sports unite and divide Chicagoans, and the Wrigleyville neighborhood is full of baseball fans either at the stadium or in numerous bars celebrating the sport, the city and each other.

The city pulses to the beat of public transportation. Buses and trains ship people between the city's 200-plus neighborhoods, and familiarity with the city's bus and train schedules provides another layer of protection for residents and visitors. Although those transport maps were new to me, my cameras did the job just fine.

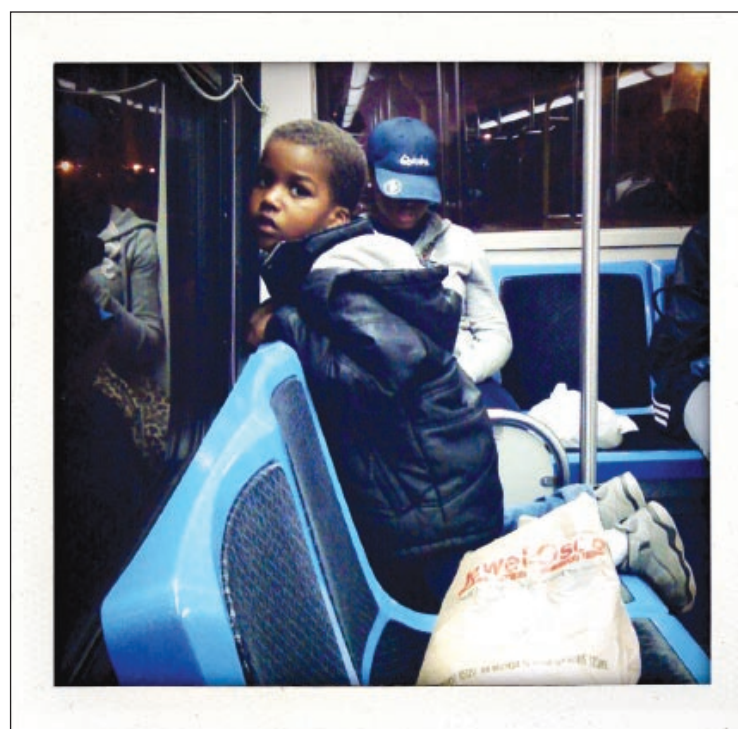
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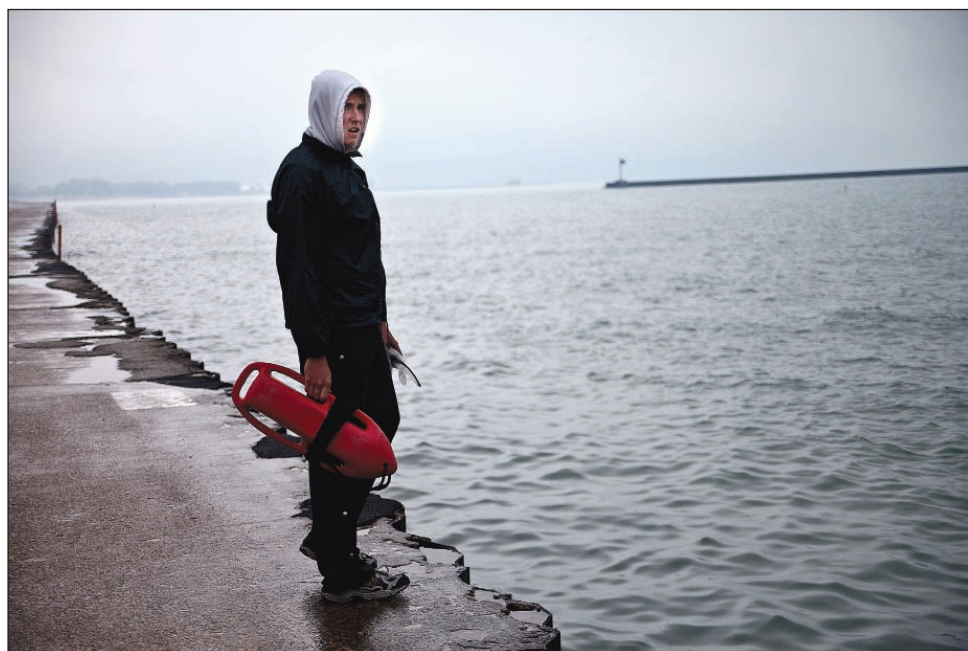
A woman walks down a flight of stairs on Columbus Drive.



A man sleeps in a Dunkin' Donuts late at night near downtown Chicago.



A young boy rides a bus in Hyde Park after visiting the grocery store to pick up a birthday cake with his mother. This photograph was produced using the iPhone's ShakeItPhoto application.



A lifeguard looks out over the waters of Lake Michigan on a cold, rainy day in downtown Chicago. "It's a slow day but at least I still get paid," he said.



A woman looks down the sidewalk before crossing the street with a small child in Chinatown.

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universe, but we heard a distress call from Earth — that Earth has lost its groove — and we came to help to bring the groove back.”

The band, which is made up of five guys with different superhero identities, work hard to accomplish their groove-retrieving mission, and the effort is obvious when the smoke covers the stage, the psychedelic lights start flashing and The Space Rockers appear.

“It’s not a normal cover band,” Stone, 32, said. “We don’t just get up there in jeans and shirts and play. [We] bring another element to the show; it makes you part of it, drags you into it. We could be in a Las Vegas show. It’s like I’ve gone to the gym for three hours after I’m done. We all do a bunch of choreographed dance moves that are a blast and a lot of it’s free for all, too. We do not stop moving, ever.”

The audience Saturday has a similar philosophy. They’re rollicking to the left and to the right in unison to the infamous dance number “Cupid Shuffle” as if they had been practicing at home. Everyone’s smiling and singing along, and it appears as if the only thing on most people’s minds at the moment is keeping up with the moves and not spilling their drinks — a noticeable difference from the hesitation that some of them might have felt when they arrived earlier that night and seen what looks like an electrified, hip-hop version of The Wiggles.

“I think they’re amazing,” said Natalie Dean, who attended the show Saturday. “[The show] was phenomenal. I don’t know about their superhero space thing, but it looks like they’re all having an amazing time, and that goes a long way.”

Stone, who has dreadlocks, wears a homemade, red and black outfit with an electronic wrist device that allows him to communicate with the invisible spaceship (a recorded mechanical female voice that answers on cue) when he’s on stage. The band’s extraterrestrial look can be a

little weird for first time show-goers, but Stone said that the performance usually wins over any doubters.

“Guys and girls will walk in and their reaction will be like, ‘What the hell is this? Oh my God. What is this?’” Stone said. “And then they’ll stay for a song or two. And then two turns into the whole night. And then they’ll come over to me after and say that they had been going to leave when they first saw us. It’s really cool because it runs the gamut of guys with beards and heavy metal shirts saying, ‘Oh my God, I thought I was going to hate you guys, but ... I loved you guys!’ to really preppy people, too.”

The Space Rockers have been a band for about three years, ever since Stone had some success with a different cover band and decided that he wanted to start his own, but one that dresses like superheroes. Just wearing capes and masks wasn’t enough for him, however — “I needed another edge to it,” he said. Then the space element came to him one day when he was in the shower.

“I wanted to do a space thing — a little science fiction,” Stone said. His fantastical tendencies are in reverence of old monster movies and comic books. “There’s nothing cooler than science fiction. Or superheroes. I love ‘em, so I put ‘em together.”

He worked to create the perfect lineup, which he said involved searching out extroverted, talented, funny individuals that understood that The Space Rockers were more about the performance than musicianship (“It’s not really about how great of a guitar solo I’m going to play,” he explained). After a little trial and error he found what he was looking for in his current bandmates, who have been with him for about a year. And their creation has paid off.

Stone, who plays with The Space Rockers for a living, said that the band plays an average of two to four shows a week — at everything from



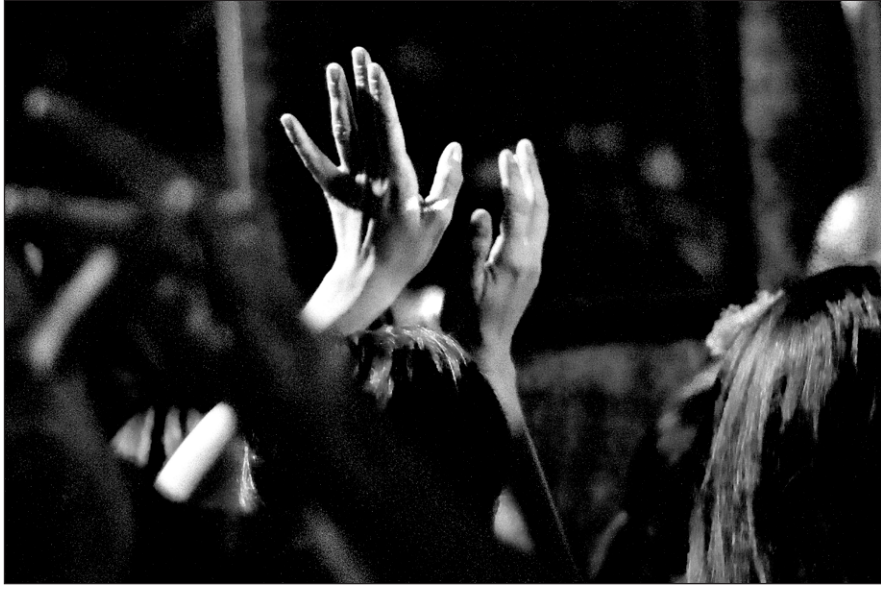
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Space Rockers drummer Thunderstick performs at Speakeasy. The group is a cover band from Austin but think of themselves as superheroes who have come to Earth to ‘help bring the groove back.’

clubs and corporate events to weddings and birthday parties — across the Southern United States (they just got back from playing a wedding in Pennsylvania). And they have shows booked throughout the rest of the year. There has been so much work that he started Stargazer Productions, LLC in order to manage two additional show bands (The Video Stars and The Boogies) that each fill a particular niche.

But regardless of how busy business is, Stone said that The Space Rockers are his priority.

“The Space Rockers are like my baby,” Stone said. “They’re the band that started it all. Anywhere there’s a party and people need to start moving and shaking it, we’ll be there.”



The Speakeasy crowd dances to the Space Rockers. The Space Rockers play popular songs from the '80s and the '90s.

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Cover band uses unique theme to book gigs, entertain crowds

By Aaron West
Daily Texan Staff

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"Hey, we're The Space Rockers!" Captain Cosmos yells at the pumped-up, tipsy people in the crowd. The band starts jamming energy-fueled covers of everything from "Pour Some Sugar on

Me" to "Apple Bottom Jeans" — complete with choreographed dance moves — and the wacky space story begins to make more sense.

The Space Rockers, a show band from Austin, play covers of hip-hop dance music at venues and events. But that's not the answer they'll give if someone asks them what's up with the tentacle-like dreadlocks, the tight-fitting, color-coordinated superhero outfits and that invisible, talking spaceship.

"We're superheroes from outer space," said Captain Cosmos, who goes by Cord Stone when he's on Earth. "We're all from different planets and we're actually a famous band throughout the

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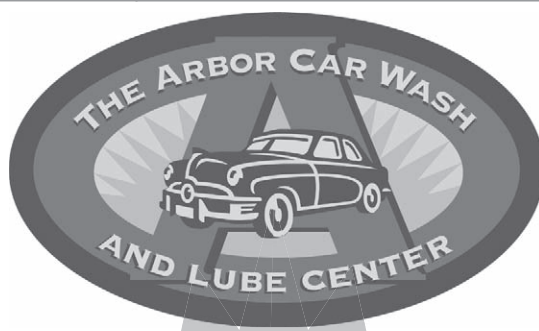
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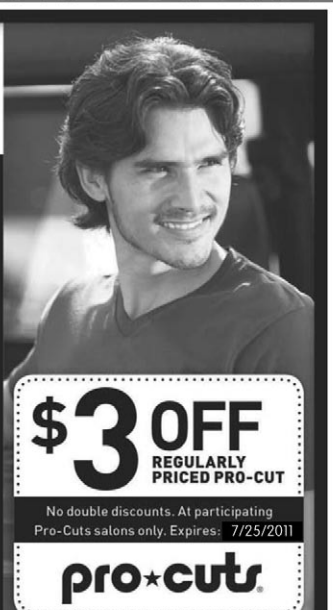
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